

2008 NASC™ - General Information

NASC™ Web Site: Check out the official 2008 NASC™ web site - www.2008nasc.com - where you can see the most current tournament information, e-mail your questions, pre-order 2008 NASC™ Jackets, sign up as a co-sponsor, etc.

Player Ratings: The 2008 Bowers Ratings will be used for this tournament. If you do not have a rating and would like to play in the Tournament, please contact us as soon as possible, preferably by August 1. Please note that it is very possible that some events will be full by that date, so it is in your best interest to contact us as soon as possible so that we can establish a rating for you. For a copy of the ratings, please visit the Bowers' web site, www.shuffleboardcorner.com to download a copy. In the interest of fairness, and to protect the integrity of the tournament, we reserve the right to change the rating assigned to any previously unrated player.

General Eligibility: Players rated between -.01 to -1.50 must play in the Pro Division; players rated between 0.00 and 1.49 may play in Division I or higher; players rated between 1.50 and 2.49 may play in Division II or higher; Players rated between 2.50 and 5.00 may play in Division III or higher. In the Pro Doubles, -1's may not play together. In Division I Doubles, 0's may not play together.

Event Formats: Pro/Am Draft: best 5 out of 9, double elimination, 12 point games. Four Person Team Events: 2 out of 3, double elimination. A/B Draw Partners: single game, double elimination. Pro Singles & Doubles: 2 out of 3 winners and losers bracket. All Division I, II & III Singles & Doubles events: 2 out of 3 winners bracket and single 21 point game losers bracket. If, in the finals of a Division I, II & III singles or doubles event, the undefeated player/team is beaten, they will then play one 21 point game for the championship. All games are 15 points unless otherwise noted. We reserve the right to play 12 point games in the Four Person Team Events.

Pro/Am Draft Team Event: The draft is at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, October 25; followed by the auction, at noon. Play begins immediately after the auction. All players **must** be present by 10:00 a.m. for pre-draft roll call. Any players not present will be dropped.

4 Person Team Events: Whole number ratings (not the decimal ratings) are being used for these events. In the add to 1 event, there is a maximum of one pro per team, In the add to 9 event, there is a maximum of one "1" rated player.

Room Rates: The Sands Regency is offering a special tournament rate of \$34.00, plus tax, for Sunday through Thursday nights and a rate of \$59.00, plus tax, for Friday and Saturday. In order to be guaranteed this rate, you must make your reservations by October 9. Room reservations made after that date may be subject to regular rates. To make reservations, call the Sands Regency's room reservation line at 800-648-3553 and tell them your group code is SHU1022.

A/B Draw Partners: In both events, the top half of the field will draw a partner from the bottom half of the field.

Weights: Players may use their own weights, which must have red & blue caps. They may be any brand, so long as the plating is intact and in good condition. The total weight must not be less than 315 grams, nor more than 355 grams. All weights are subject to inspection by the Tournament Director who may, at his discretion, disallow any weights he deems unacceptable. Weights that are excessively scratched or have plating that is worn through are examples of unacceptable equipment. Players must start each game with a full set of eight weights, four red and four blue. Switching of caps after the flip is not allowed.

Scheduling/Auction times: Please note that these are approximate starting times and that the actual auction times could be several hours earlier or later. The exact times for the individual events will be determined based on the number of players in each event. All players must be present for the auctions for the events they are playing in, failure to do so will result in a \$20.00 fine per infraction. Play for each event begins after the auction for that event, except for the doubles events, which will begin play on Saturday morning. The auction time for the Pro/Am Draft is 12:00 noon on Saturday, October 25. The auctions for all singles events are scheduled for 9:00 a.m. on Monday, October 27. The auctions for the Draw Partner events will be held after the conclusion of the Singles Events. The tentative time is 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, October 29. The actual time could be several hours earlier. The auctions for the 4 Person Team Events are scheduled for 1:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 30. All doubles auctions are scheduled for Friday, October 31, after the conclusion of the Four Person Team Events.

Added money breakdown: The Sands Regency is adding up to \$12,500 to the North American Championships. Of that, \$6,000 is guaranteed, and is allocated as follows: \$2,500 will be used to give a \$100 rebate on entry fees to the first 25 people who sign for the tournament that have not played in the NASC™ before. Players must play in at least three events in order to be eligible for this offer, which expires April 1, 2008. If less than 25 people take advantage of this opportunity, any left over money will be added to the random draw prizes. The rest of the added money will be awarded to randomly drawn winners, who will receive \$200 each. Additional added money is based on the number of teams in the Pro/Am Draft: 24-27 teams equals \$4,000 of additional added money (\$10,000 total). With 28 or more teams in the Pro/Am Draft, there will be \$6,500 of additional added money (\$12,500 total).

Cancellation & Refund Policy: Registration Fee and Board Fee are non-refundable. If you drop out of an event twenty-four hours or more prior to the event, there is a cancellation fee of \$25 for each event you drop out of. If you drop out of an event less than twenty-four hours prior to the start of that event, you lose your entire entry fee. Refunds will be issued by check and mailed within thirty days after the tournament.

Sands Regency Casino Hotel: The tournament area has a bar and cocktail waitresses, a players only playing area and reserved seating for players. Located within fifty feet of the tournament area are: rest rooms, cocktail lounge, stairs to the casino, and elevators that go to our reserved rooms in the tower. The Hotel also has live entertainment, a health club/fitness center on the 17th floor that includes a large Jacuzzi with a view of the mountains, a sauna and a massage therapist. To make room reservations, call the Hotel at 800-648-3553, and tell them you are with group number SHU1024.

